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I am strongly in favor of the settlement and closing this ugly period of corporate warfare disguised as consumer protection. It has always been clear to me that this case has been primarily driven by the competitors of Microsoft and not consumers themselves. The so called consumer advocacy groups who have spoken out against Microsoft and the settlement are more often than not funded by the same competitors who have pushed this suit forward.

Further efforts to prolong this case will only hurt the US economy and will never help consumers but instead help those companies who cannot win in the market.

Settle this case NOW.

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